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**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA TRACON LETTER TO AIRMEN NO. 05-02**

**SUBJECT:** Separation of VFR Aircraft Practicing Instrument Approaches

**CANCELLATION:** March 1, 2007

This letter is to inform all users that NCT will provide standard IFR separation to VFR aircraft conducting practice instrument approaches at the following locations:

AIRPORT WHERE SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED	ATC FREQUENCY
Atwater (MER)	120.95 / 236.70
Beale AFB (BAB)	125.40 / 259.10
Byron (C83)	123.85 / 278.30
Firebaugh (Q49)	120.95 / 236.70
Half Moon Bay (HAF)	135.10 / 307.20
Hayward (HWD)	124.40 / 351.80
Livermore (LVK)	123.85 / 278.30
Lodi (1Q3)	125.10 / 363.20
Los Banos (LSN)	120.95 / 236.70
Mather (MHR)	119.10 / 269.00
Merced (MCE)	120.95 / 236.70
Modesto (MOD)	120.95 / 236.70
Moffett Federal Airfield	120.10 / 290.25
Monterey Peninsula (MRY)	127.15 / 133.00
Oakdale (Q27)	125.10 / 363.20
Oakland International (OAK)	124.40 / 135.40
Oroville (OVE)	125.40 / 259.10
Palo Alto (PAO)	135.20 / 379.10
Rio Vista (O88)	120.95 / 236.70
Sacramento Executive FCT (SAC)	125.25 / 257.90

Sacramento International (SMF)	134.80 / 270.25
Salinas (SNS)	133.00 / 251.15
San Carlos (SQL)	135.65 / 310.80
San Francisco International (SFO)	135.65 / 310.80
San Jose International (SJC)	121.30 / 270.35
Stockton (SCK)	125.10 / 363.20
Tracy (TCY)	123.85 / 278.30

IFR separation will be provided between known VFR aircraft practicing instrument approaches and other known VFR practicing instrument approaches and IFR aircraft. A detailed explanation of ATC handling of practice instrument approaches is contained in the Aeronautical Information Manual.

Pilots should be aware that some airports prohibit or restrict practice approaches due to noise abatement programs or traffic congestion. This information is published in the Airport/Facility Directory, Notices to Airmen, and other documents issued by the airport sponsors.

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